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PAY-AS-YOU-GO TAX BILL SEEMS READY FOR PASSAGE; EXPECT PRESIDENT TO SIGN

Following are the main provisions of the new tax collection system, which are provided in the compromise pay-as-you-go bill; which is expected to become law and be put into operation July 1st.

1. Wage and salary earners—Employers are required to withhold 20 per cent (17 income and 3 victory) from pay envelopes and salary checks, after specified exemptions reflecting family status, effective July 1. Exemptions are \$624 yearly for single persons, \$1248 for married persons, plus \$312 for each dependent.

(No withholding on pay of members of armed forces, ministers of the gospel, farm workers, domestic servants, casual workers, foreign services or services of non-resident aliens).

2. Persons with income other than wages and salaries—henceforward (except for special 1943 provisions) such persons (including those receiving income from business, professions, rents and royalties, interest and dividends, and persons with wages and salaries above the withholding level) are required to file an estimate by March 15 on the current taxable year's income and they would pay their taxes in four equal installments, the first falling due March 15, with the subsequent payments due on June 15, September 15 and December 15. However, the taxpayer may pay his estimated tax in advance, if he desires.

ESTIMATES OF TAX
The estimate may be revised at the election of the taxpayer, with the remaining installments in a year to be either increased or decreased to reflect the change in the estimate.

(Wage and salary earners with more than \$3700 annual income if single and married persons with more than \$3500 required to estimate their liability above withholding level and pay quarterly).

3. Farmers—A special rule applies. Such individuals may file a declaration of the estimated tax at any time on or before December 15 of the taxable year, and pay the estimated tax due.

4. Final Returns—This will be filed by all taxpayers, as at present, on or before the 15th day of the third month following the close of the taxable year. On this return adjustments will be made for differences between the estimated or withheld tax, and the correct tax reported by the taxpayer.

5. Special Rule for 1943—Since most taxpayers already have filed their 1942 returns, their March 15 and June 15 payments will be treated as payments in respect of their 1943 tax liability. Taxpayers required to file declarations of their estimated tax will make their first declaration in September 15, but an amended declaration may be filed on December 15. A farmer may make his declaration of estimated 1943 tax before December 15 and pay the amount due.

UNAPPLIED TAXES

6. Unapplied taxes—Persons with a tax liability over \$50 for both 1942 and 1943 will have 75 per cent of their obligation abated for the year—1942 or 1943—in which they have the smaller taxable income. The 25 per cent remaining to be paid will fall due, half on March 15, 1944, and half March 15, 1945.

A six per cent interest penalty applies if any taxpayer's estimate is more than 20 per cent (33 1/3 per cent in case of farmers) under actual income.

Each person may compute the amount to be withheld from his wage or salary by taking 20 per cent of the excess of his pay over family status withholding exemptions as follows:

Single person—\$12 weekly, \$24 bi-weekly, \$26 semi-monthly, \$52 monthly, \$156 quarterly, \$312 semi-annually, \$624 annually. Thus a single person making \$50 weekly would deduct \$12 from \$50 and multiply the remaining \$38 by 20 per cent, arriving at \$7.60 to be deducted weekly.

Married Persons—\$24 weekly, \$48 bi-weekly, \$52 semi-monthly, \$104 monthly, \$312 quarterly, \$524 semi-annually, and \$1248 annually.

LABOR SEES DIRE NEED FOR PLANS AFTER WAR

(AFL MONTHLY SURVEY)

Workers know that a great emergency awaits them at the end of the war when 20 to 30 million persons must change from the army and war industry to peace-time jobs. Protection by unions will be essential then for every worker, to save wage standards, protect job status and help in finding new jobs. Action by unions now is equally vital, both to prepare for post-war at home, and to be ready for our part in the international conferences which will create a new world when the war ends.

At home, our number one objective is to assure passage of the social security bill now before Congress, so that insurance funds may be ready to pay unemployment and disability benefits to workers and former soldiers in the post-war job shift. This is the only way we can be sure of meeting the emergency with security and self respect.

Secondly, we must begin planning now for jobs for all. If unions and industries plan jointly for production and unemployment, we shall be harnessing our experience, resources and influence to constructive action that can clear away difficulties and have things ready to move.

In addition to national post war additional tax but provides machinery for weekly, bi-weekly, semi-monthly or monthly deductions from earnings for current payment of taxes as now written in the statute books.

The first pay roll deduction under the proposed pay-as-you-go income tax plan will be made from wages for the first pay period beginning on and after July 1 according to the report of the Senate-House tax conferees.

A last-minute change agreed to by the conferees provides that pay roll deductions "shall not be applicable to wages paid during the calendar year 1943 with respect to a pay roll period beginning before July 1. Earlier, the conferees had planned that the new tax collection system would apply to the first pay period ending on or after that date.

With this exception, the conference report remains unchanged from the previously announced agreement.

The compromise bill was slated for House action Tuesday. If adopted by the House early Senate action is expected.

Even if the bill experiences delay in either house, Senate Finance Chairman Walter F. George (D., Ga.) expects all legislative action on pay-as-you-go taxes will be completed the first or second week in June.

The Treasury and the Internal Revenue Commissioner already have made plans to put collection on source income taxes into effect July 1. The new tax plan is expected to yield about \$3,000,000,000 more than the present system in a year of operation.

Nazis Worried About Problem Of More Labor

The Nazi total mobilization scheme is not working out satisfactorily, since "there are neither enough jobs nor enough machines and raw materials to occupy all the mobilized manpower rationally and usefully," according to an article in the Swiss newspaper Basler Nationalzeitung which was reported to the OWI.

"I don't know what Mr. Roosevelt will do," George said, "but I can see no reason why he would not sign it. The need for pay-as-you-go legislation is imperative and I believe the President recognizes that."

We are burdened down by a vast baggage of outworn traditions and folkways coming to us from the remote past... Few men ever grow up mentally. They plod along on ideas and convictions acquired in childhood from historical baggage and never question these "fundamental verities." — JAMES HARVEY ROBINSON.

TICE DIMOUT BALLAST WINS STATE BACKING

The Tice Dimout Ballast, a Monterey product of Tice Electric Co., has won official approval and certification from the State Department of Motor Vehicles. This ballast, which converts headlights to the reduced brilliancy for dimout area driving, can be installed at the factory, 500 Del Monte Ave.

The letter of approval from the Department of Motor Vehicles, signed by E. Raymond Cato, highway patrol chief, and Gordon H. Garland, department director, is as follows:

"In Re: Tice Dimout Ballast, Resistors for Headlamp Beam Intensity Control Automotive Type Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4:

"Pursuant to Section 645 of the Vehicle Code and the resolution adopted by the Ninth Regional Civilian Defense Board on December 10, 1942, the following described equipment has been tested and it is hereby certified that it complies with the requirement of Public Proclamation No. 10, as amended by Public Proclamation No. 12, Headquarters, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, provided it is installed and used in accordance with the following specifications:

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LET 'EM STEW IN OWN JUICE

There is a tendency continually manifesting itself in both written and spoken utterances to both plan and plot all sorts of good things for defeated and crushed Nazis and fascists, if they will only give up the war and let the United Nations step in to take possession of defeated axis countries.

Why all this sentimental tommyrot? Have people forgotten the attitude of these same axis peoples, when they thought they were riding on the top of the earth, hopped up with the idea that only a short blitz war ahead was all that was required to put an end for all time to come to democracy and independent governments on this earth.

How hard do people occupying free, democratic countries have to be smashed in the nose to get it into their heads that the only language an axis worshiper understands in a genuine and thorough going licking? That applies to the Japs and the Germans with equal force and just because the Italians now seem to be on the verge of collapse it does not follow that at heart they are a whit better or different than when they plunged into the war. If they were still lording over anything they would be just as arrogant as their partners in international crime still are.

"But," say these soft-spoken whisperers, "Italy is about ready to quit the war." Let us be good to her people and they will revolt against Mussolini and quit the war."

If Italy is about ready to quit the war it is because she is so close to knocked out that she could only make a ridiculous showing from now on by continuing. After all there comes a time when a country, experiencing nothing but defeats, gets enough of that kind of a war. Already Italy has lost her American Empire completely. During the next few months she is apt as not to lose everything else but the bootleg, which is known as Italy. Then what will she have left to fight for? Absolutely nothing.

Neither Mussolini, nor anybody else will be able to induce the Italian people to continue in the war, after they have lost everything. They will just naturally quit. If they could save something by swinging to our side they would doubtless do that, so long as we would do the fighting for them, for it must be evident that defeated and licked Italy today is no asset or help to anybody, not even to the nazis, whose weak sister Italy is still supposed to be.

This war has resolved itself into a conflict in which the United Nations are demanding "unconditional surrender," from any enemy nation that wants peace, as the sole condition on which our offensives against them will cease. This ultimatum has the approval of the vast majority of the people, who are fighting this war against the axis powers, and there certainly is no good reason for deviating from this policy.

Simply because somebody is getting licked and are now casting about to save something from the ruin they brought on themselves, when they joined up with Nazi Germany in her mad scheme of world conquest, world pillage, ruthless murder and overpowering by military might weaker neighboring countries is the poorest reason under the sun for us to cater to such collapsing nations now.

"But what will we do if Italy should quit the war?" ask these busybody know-it-alls. "Is it not our duty to provide for the poor people, who never wanted this war?"

No, that is not our duty at all. What is more if we are so credulous as to listen to such pleas and undertake to look after defeated Italy in case she quits, we can rest assured that the fascists, who did approve of this war against us, and who wanted to enter it, and who would continue it now if they thought it could be won, would be in the front lines of the flipflopers, who would rush up to receive our gifts. They, not the poor Italians, who never wanted this war, would be the ones to get the lion's share of all that we might give them.

Then what should we do, if Italy quits the war? Let her stew in her own juice, of course. That is the only sensible course to follow as long as we still have the Germans and the Japs to whip.

What if it should lead to revolution in Italy? Why should we worry about what it leads to in Italy? Let Italy and her people sweat that one out between themselves. Let us keep out of that mess. We don't owe Italy anything. That country is still at war with us, which they declared on us, not us on them.

What concerns us is not what happens to Italy, in case she is knocked out of the war, but to complete the knocking out of the Germans and the Japs just as soon as it becomes humanly possible to accomplish those objectives.

Instead of planning on sending food to Italy when she is licked let us send what spare food we may have to China, Russia and Great Britain, all of whom are helping us to win the war against the axis. Our allies need all the food and supplies we can send them, not only as long as this war lasts, but for a long time afterwards. Next come the countries overrun by the aggressors, when they are freed from their enslavers.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

IT COULD BE
A laugh from the Associated Press story which read:

"Wildwood, N. J.—Mrs. William Anderson gave birth to her 18th child yesterday. Mrs. Anderson is 39. Her husband is 47. Sixteen of the children are living, two of them married. Ten are attending school.

"Mr. Anderson is an interior decorator."

LET'S JOIN THE ARMY!
A United Press dispatch from London says the following order has been issued to an army unit:

"Members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Territorial Service will show their pink forms whenever called upon to do so."

PATER SAFER BET
She: "If you try to kiss me, I'll call my mother."
He: "What's the matter with your father?"
She: "Oh, he isn't as deaf as mother is."

UNEXPECTED TRAGEDY
"Rastus, what makes dis bump on yo' head?"
"Ah tell you, Liza. Ah's got dandruff an' dey tol' me to put toilet water on ma hair, an' furst thing ah know'd dat ol' seat flop down on me."

A LITTLE DOPE
Mistress: "You say your baby's name is Opium? What an odd name. You know Opium is a product of the wild poppy, don't you?"
Mandy: "Yassum, an' if dey evah wuz a chile had a wild poppy, she's gone."

ALREADY DECEASED
St. Peter was interviewing the fair damsel at the pearly gate. "Did you, while on earth, indulge in necking, petting, smoking or dancing?"

"Never," she retorted, emphatically.
"Then, why haven't you reported sooner?" said St. Peter. "You've been dead a long time."

POST-IMPRESSIONISTIC
"Well, I certainly made a good impression on her," said the cane-bottomed chair as the artist's model stood up.

BADLY RUN DOWN
"What's the matter with Tom? He looks terribly emaciated."
Harry—"Oh, he's suffering from high blood pressure."

THE SNOOTY CANINE
Two dogs were in conversation and one said to the other:
"Here comes that Jones dog with the cold nose. Let's sit down until he goes by."

EXPERIENCED DAME
He: "How about taking a little ride in the country?"
She: "Not tonight. I'm too tired. Let's run out of gas right here in town."

COVER UP, OLD MAN
The chimney man complained "Belly chilly this morning, belly chilly."
To which his hearer replied:
"Then why don't you tuck in your shirttail?"

COMMON OCCURRENCE
Judge: "Tell me, young man, just how did this accident occur?"
Motorist: "Well, your honor, I had dimmed my lights and was hugging the curve."

Judge: "That's how most accidents happen. Five dollars, please."

BROTHERHOOD
By EDWARD MARKHAM
The crest and crown of all good, Life's final star is brotherhood; For it will bring again to earth Her long-lost posy and mirth.

'Twill shed new light on every face And a kindly crown upon the race; Until it comes we men are slaves Who travel downward to early graves.

Come clear the way, then, clear the way;
Blind creeds and kings have had their day.

Break the dead branches from the path;
Our hope is in the aftermath.

Our hope is in heroic men, Star-led to build the world again. To this end the ages ran.

Make way for brotherhood, make way for man.

Mrs. Roosevelt Flays 'Pluck-Me' Store Run By Coal Mine Barons

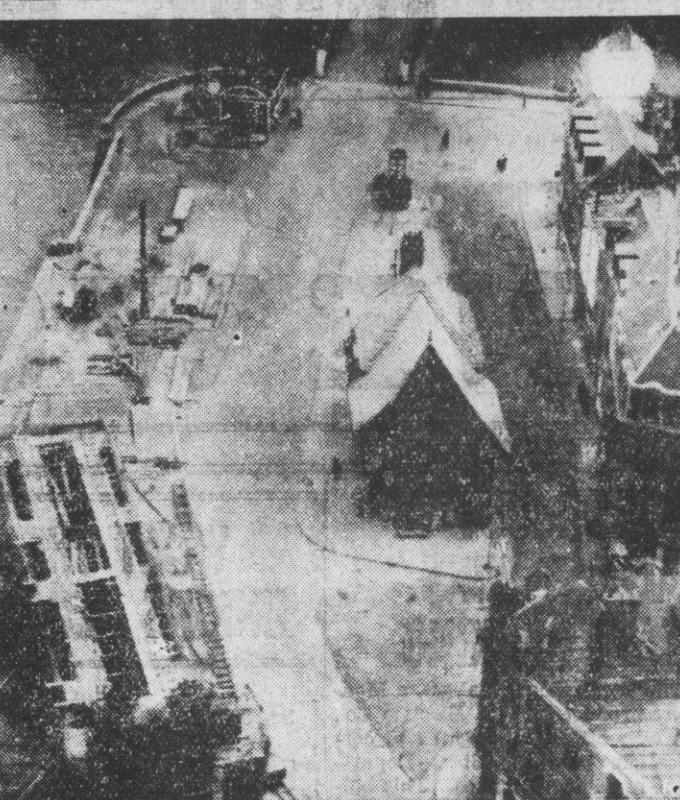
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has added her voice to a chorus of condemnation of the "pluck-me" stores maintained by coal mine operators.

She said they are altogether "bad," pointing out they keep employees constantly in debt, and con-

tending that a worker with debt hanging over his head is not a free man.

Price violations found by members' wives should be reported AT ONCE to the union price committee, and by the committee to the local OPA price panel. Every local union should set up a price committee for this purpose. Members may also report to Central Labor Union price committees. In reporting a violation, note that goods must be BOUGHT at a price above the ceiling.



Radio Barons Stop Labor's Organizing Over the Air

New York City.

The National Association of Broadcasters, including virtually all big-time radio stations, plans to bar any group — particularly labor and consumer organizations — from using radio as a means of organizing. Variety, national theatrical magazine, disclosed here.

In an editorial which attacked the broadcasters' decision, "Variety" made public a resolution adopted by the NAB at a Chicago meeting held the last week in April. The resolution, an addition to the already stiff broadcasters' code which now bars most union programs on the ground they are "controversial," read:

"Solicitations of memberships in organizations, except where such memberships are incidental to the rendering of commercial services, such as an insurance plan either in respect to casualty to life or property, or for membership in the American Red Cross or like organizations engaged in charitable work, are deemed to be unacceptable under the basic theory of the Code and therefore time should be neither given nor sold for this purpose."

SOAP OPERAS O. K.

"Implications of that amendment are ominous," "Variety" said. "The master minds of the NAB have . . . served notice on the American people that our broadcasting system is no longer open to any form of solicitation unless it involves something like the transfer of a can of soup or a cake of soap across the counter . . . The amendment puts the thumb on organizations that have become the basic fabric of the economic and social life of the American community. To mention but one: organized labor . . . When the knowledge of the amendment reaches them, the recoil may have the sting of a whiplash. Man often courts trouble by trying to anticipate trouble. With the NAB the trouble may turn out to be self-stimulated."

Both "Variety" and the Cooperative League of the U. S. A. said that one of the main reasons for the new regulation was the broadcasters' futile efforts to bar a program by the cooperatives. Rejection of the program brought a storm of protests from organized labor and consumer groups, and final reluctant acceptance of it by most stations.

spent hours poring over the maps and examining the many pictures. Author Saunders didn't attempt to establish a hero in the book—every one of the Commandos is the hero. Saunders is in the British Air Ministry and his chief duty is that of preparing official documents such as this for the records. He knows what he is writing.

No wonder the Book-of-the-Month Club grabbed this story as its June release. Macmillan is to be congratulated for its timely presentation. It's a MUST on every reader's list.

—W. B. PEDIGO.

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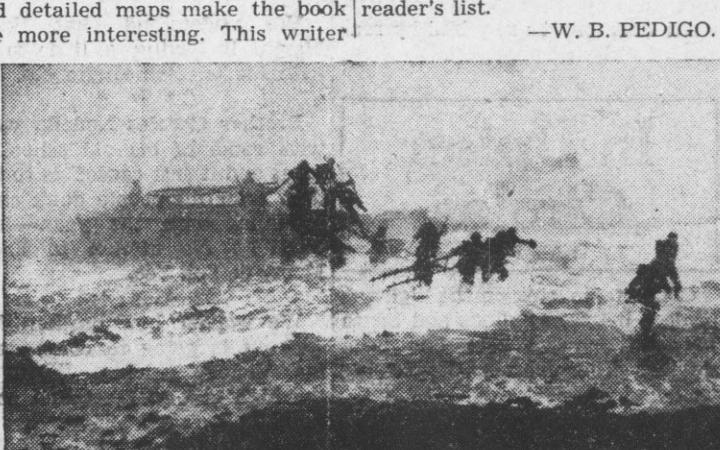
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A Royal Marines storming party leaps ashore from landing craft under cover of a smoke screen.

From "Combined Operations: The Official Story of the Commandos"

REPORT VIOLATIONS OF PRICE CEILINGS TO YOUR UNIONS!

Price ceilings and rollbacks proposed by the OPA represent an effort to stop the rise in living costs, although not a significant price rollback.

The dollar and cents meat price ceilings mark an important change from OPA's previous policy. They give labor a new chance to hold the price line for its own members. The OPA orders require posting of prices in all stores so that everyone may be sure he is not being overcharged, and official price lists have been published in newspapers in every city. MAKE SURE THAT YOU AND YOUR WIFE EACH HAVE ONE. TAKE IT WITH YOU WHEN YOU SHOP. EACH UNION FAMILY CAN THUS DO A REAL JOB IN STOPPING PRICE RISES BY REFUSING TO BUY ABOVE THE OFFICIAL PRICE AND REPORTING ALL VIOLATIONS. We must protect ourselves on the price front.

Price violations found by members' wives should be reported AT ONCE to the union price committee, and by the committee to the local OPA price panel. Every local union should set up a price committee for this purpose. Members may also report to Central Labor Union price committees. In reporting a violation, note that goods must be BOUGHT at a price above the ceiling.

"A damned can, with a slammed brand," said Luther, walking away.

This story is going the rounds of union circles: A certain labor spy is so hot that when he dies his hearse will have a police escort.

Poles End Nazi Murderer, and Kill Quisling

The Moscow radio, in a Polish-language broadcast, said that Kurt Hoffman, director of the Warsaw "Labor Exchange," key Nazi slave labor recruiting organization, had been sentenced to death and killed by Polish patriots.

The broadcast, reported by OWI, said that a Polish Quisling, installed as a director in the Municipal Transit System so that he might inform the Nazis about the activities of transportation workers, also had been killed.

Samson was a piker; he killed only a thousand men with the jaw bone of an ass. Every hour in the day, ten thousand sales are killed with the same weapon.

Guess Who?

Dutch guerrillas, according to the OWL are still operating in the island of Timor and publish their own newspaper marked "Made in Japan."

We know some daily newspapers in the United States that might well be marked "Made in Japan."

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BARTENDERS LOCAL 896—President Paul Mercurio; Secretary-Treas. A. H. Thompson, 243 Alvarado St., Monterey. Meetings held first Wednesday of each month at Bartenders' Hall, 301 Alvarado Ave.

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BRICK MASON LOCAL UNION NO. 16—Meets Building Trades Hall, second and

BOILERMAKERS NOW BOAST HALF MILLION; RECRUITS JOIN 20,000 PER MONTH

Washington, D. C. Organized labor's phenomenal growth since the defense program started was emphasized recently by the disclosure that membership rolls of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers have swept over the half-million mark.

"And we're still advancing at the rate of nearly 20,000 new members a month," Vice President Harry Nicholas revealed. "The bulk of the increase has been in shipbuilding, but we're making gratifying gains in other industries as well, including railroad shops."

Boilermakers' rosters are now by far the largest in history and are nearly triple the peak reached in the last World War, Nicholas said. The Brotherhood's rate of growth has been among the greatest of any union on the North American continent.

Women membership has also been climbing rapidly since the Brotherhood many months ago opened its ranks to the fair sex. Nicholas estimated that 25,000 women are now full-fledged members, the bulk in shipyards on the West Coast.

LAUDS AMERICAN PRODUCTION OF FINE EQUIPMENT FOR SIGNALMEN

Washington, D. C.

Major General Dawson Olmstead, the United States Army's Chief Signal Officer, returned from an extensive tour of the African, Middle Eastern and China-Burma-India theaters with high praise for the battle performance of signal equipment made by American workers and with a warning that even more exacting tests lay ahead.

The high degree of security of U. S. troops from German air attack in North Africa and the effective results obtained there by Army fliers were due "in large measure to the wonderful job done by our Signal Corps air-raid warning equipment as well as to our superior air strength," the General reported.

"Use of American and British signal equipment gave excellent coverage in the North African operation," General Olmstead said on his return to Washington. "As soon after the landing as the necessary air-raid warning equipment could be placed in service, excellent results were obtained in spotting the enemy's planes while they were yet at great distances. This, of course, enabled our air forces to repel them before they got close to our installations with the result that our troops enjoyed a high degree of security from air attack."

British officers, General Olmstead said, paid special tribute to the quality of communications and signal equipment made in American factories. As an example, they cited the standard U. S. Army Signal Corps field telephone, which was frequently to be seen on the desks of British as well as American commanders.

Another much-praised instrument was the Signal Corps mobile field headquarters radio station, carried in one truck and trailer, which can transmit over long distances by Morse code or voice, whether the truck is standing still or in motion. Two of these American-made radio sets were used for the initial exchange of messages between General Montgomery and General Alexander, as the British Eighth and First Armies closed in from the east and west upon Tunisia.

POSTAL ODDITIES

New passenger autos rationed to buyers from March 2, 1942, to March 1, 1943, totaled 305,876 cars.

CARIBOU POST OFFICE IS ONLY BUILDING LEFT OF A BOOM MINING TOWN NEAR BOULDER, COLORADO!

CARIBOU POST OFFICE (10,000 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL) NO POSTMASTER DEPOSIT ALL MAIL IN POWDER CAN

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PUBLIC LETTER WRITERS FOR PERSONS WHO COULD NOT WRITE WERE COMMON IN THE EARLY DAYS—BUT NOW STUDENTS EARN THEIR WAY THROUGH COLLEGE BY WRITING LETTERS FOR SOME WHO CAN WRITE!

IN EARLY DAYS, SHIPMASTERS, ABOUT TO SAIL FROM ENGLAND OR AMERICA, HUNG A BAG IN SOME TAVERN WHERE LETTERS FOR THE OTHER SIDE WERE DEPOSITED! DRAWN BY JOHN BAER

W. S. GILBERT

FACT-FINDING GROUP SEES EXPLOITATION OF BOLIVIANS

A joint United States-Bolivian Commission investigating the working conditions of the tin miners of Bolivia has unanimously recommended major labor and economic reforms in Bolivia to curb exploitation of workers and to promote collective bargaining in that country.

First-hand analysis of conditions in Bolivia, the Commission reported, revealed the prevalence of monopolies, low wages, and conditions of health, housing, and sanitation perpetuated by social relationships of an almost feudal pattern. It pointed out that the specific conditions which it found in its visits to mines, farms, and factories should be judged against the background of the general standards of living prevailing in the country.

The report said: "In terms of purchasing power, low wages are the rule rather than the exception. There is a widespread insufficiency of medical, dental, hospital and nursing care. There is an acute shortage of housing, and workers' houses generally are forlorn, overcrowded, unhygienic, and lacking in elementary sanitary facilities. This is true even in the principal cities." The report stated that "there is almost a total absence of the kind of straightforward collective bargaining that is an accepted feature of life in modern democratic communities."

According to the Commission, 75 per cent of Bolivia's population is illiterate, three quarters of the pupils in Bolivian schools have no chairs or desks, child labor is prevalent, "every year from 8 to 9 per cent of the miners are incapacitated permanently by occupational diseases, primarily silicosis," and undernourishment has led to the universal practice of chewing cocaine leaves which are said to "quiet hunger pains and temporarily stimulate energy."

The American members of the group who recently returned to the U.S.A. were:

Calvert Magruder, U. S. Circuit Court Judge.

Robert J. Watt, American Federation of Labor.

Martin Kyne, Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Charles R. Hook, Jr., Assistant to the President of the Rustless Iron and Steel Corporation.

Alfred Giardino, Dept. of Labor.

Robert E. Mathews, Board of Economic Warfare.

Among the recommendations of the Commission are the improvement of education, health, working conditions, wages, social insurance and collective bargaining. The report stressed the fact that "the best assurance that the workers will receive a fair deal is a well organized labor movement under responsible leadership."

Brotherhood

By LEWIS MORRIS
There shall rise from this confused sound of voices

A firmer faith than that our fathers knew,

A deep religion which also rejoices in worship of the Infinitely True,

Not built on rite or portent, but a finer

And purer reverence for a Lord diviner.

There shall come a time when brotherhoods show stronger Then the narrow bounds which now distract the world, When the cannons roar and trumpets blare no longer, And the ironclad rusts, and battle flags are furled;

When the bars of creed and speech and race, which sever, Shall be fused in one humanity forever.

"HE FORGOT"

He brushed his teeth twice a day. The doctor examined him twice a year.

He wore rubbers when it rained. He slept with the windows open.

He stuck to a diet with plenty of fresh vegetables.

He relinquished his tonsils and traded in several worn out glands.

He golfed, but never more than 18 holes.

He never smoked, drank, or lost his temper.

He did his daily dozen daily.

He got at least eight hours sleep every night.

The funeral will be held next Wednesday.

He had forgotten about trains at grade crossings!

Toot the Old Bazoo

If you wish in this world to advance, Your merits you're bound to enhance;

You must stir it and stomp it,

And blow your own trumpet,

Or trust me, you haven't a chance.

—W. S. GILBERT

HELPING HANDS



Official OWI photo, issued by WPB Labor Press Service.

Elmer K. Brown and Flossie Anson of the United Rubber Workers (CIO) in Akron, Ohio, pictured above with a rubber life raft, built one of the two rafts on which Capt. William T. Cherry of the AFL Air Line Pilots and Corp. John Bartek of the CIO Textile Workers drafted for 3 weeks with Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker. Robert S. Barnhart and Mrs. May E. Thompson, also URW members, built the other life raft.

POEM OF THE WEEK

The Fellow Who Couldn't Go

By BERNARD BENNETT

There's many a poem that's been written,

There's many a sonnet sung,

Of the soldiers, sailor and fighting marine

And the battles they have won.

But it's very seldom you ever hear

Of the fellow who couldn't go

Because of the work he was doing

Or a crippled leg that meant no.

He's as much a part of our Army

As the boy that fires the gun,

He answers the cry of battle

With the work that must be done.

He'll never win any medals,

For valor or brave deeds done.

But when the supplies are needed,

You can count on him as the one.

A wrench is his weapon of freedom,

His torch but a welder's arc.

He's in there fighting each minute

He knows that he's doing his part.

A plow takes the place of a rumbling tank,

The hoe in his hand is his sword;

The cry of a conquering hero

Is a silent prayer to God.

This is the way he serves you,

And after the battle is won

You'll never hear of the work he did,

No song about him will be sung.

Bands will be played and flags will fly,

And honors will go to the rest.

But the fellow who had to stay behind,

Knows that he, too, gave his very best.

He knows that he, too, won the battle,

He, too, gave the battle cry.

For without him no bands would be playing,

Without him no flag could fly.

Keep your medals of gold and silver,

He asks for neither of these,

His reward is the love for his country

And a flag that is flying free.

They called, and like a soldier he answered,

Not once did he fail or say, "No."

But never a sonnet or song will be sung,

Of the fellow who couldn't go.

TESTED RECIPES

for

UNION HOME MAKERS

(Union housewives—and men who pride themselves in cooking—are asked to send favorite tested recipes to RECIPE EDITOR, 5823 Occidental St., Oakland. Be sure to give name, address and union).

Food Bargains

Recent reductions in point values for canned, bottled soups and dried, frozen fruits and the placing of blackeyed peas on the ration free list provides an opportunity to secure some good food values at point value bargain rates.

Tomato soup, which provides both Vitamin A and C is one point lower than other soups that contain little, if any, Vitamin C. The point value on tomato soup has been cut in half on the popular 10½ ounce size.

Tomato soup can be carried in a vacuum bottle for packed lunches as well as served for lunches and dinners at home. If fresh, canned or dried milk is added to the canned tomato soup, it increases its food value.

It is important to remember in using any of the frozen fruits or vegetables that if they are left in room temperature for more than ½ hour they lose nearly all their Vitamin C value. If frozen foods are used, the best method of preparation is to put them into hot water for a short time as possible and then eat them immediately.

Blackeyed peas, sometimes called blackeyed beans or cow peas, now require no ration stamps for their purchase. The blackeyed peas are especially popular throughout the Southern States. Several varieties of blackeyed peas are highly perishable in warm weather, so it is important for the purchaser of these peas to secure only amounts that can be utilized without waste. Blackeyed peas are a source of some protein, and useful as a meat alternate.

OPA Urging Canteen Food Service for War Factory

Washington, D. C.

Immediate initiation of a "National Emergency Canteen Service" to provide eating facilities in all plants employing 250 or more workers, where commercial eating facilities are inadequate to meet the need, is demanded by the OPA Labor Policy in a special memorandum to Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes.

Workers who perform unusually hard jobs should have an adequate allowance of proper food, the Policy Committee message stated, and suggested that extra food allowances be granted industrial eating establishments or selected community restaurants rather than extra coupons furnished the individual consumer on the basis of occupation.

Full text of the memorandum, signed by Boris Shishkin, Research Director, A. F. of L.; Dr. J. Raymond Walsh, Research Director, CIO; and Julius G. Luhrs, Executive Secretary, Railway Labor Executive's Association, follows:

"It is of primary importance that provision be made for an adequate allowance of the proper foodstuffs for industrial workers. Any scheme for providing extra allowances of foods for special groups of workers, such as those employed in heavy industries which is not predicated on an adequate allowance of the proper foods to all workers will be met with considerable antagonism by labor, and may serve to affect the morale of most workers adversely.

"It is recognized that workers who perform unusually hard work, or who live and work under conditions where they can have access to only limited varieties of foods, may need extra allowances of some rationed foods. Labor favors special considerations for such workers, provided that workers in general receive proper recognition of their food requirements.

URGE EXTRA ALLOWANCES

"The major portion of the problem can be met by providing extra allowances to industrial eating establishments, or selected community restaurants rather than by special ration allowances in the form of extra ration coupons furnished to the individual consumer on the basis of occupation.

"Therefore, the OPA Labor Policy Committee demands the immediate initiation of a National Emergency Canteen Service to provide eating facilities in all industrial plants in the United States employing 250 or more workers and to provide community eating facilities in those areas where present commercial establishments are inadequate to meet the need."

Declare Machine Tools Used Only 65% of Capacity

Washington, D. C.

Machine tools in the country are being utilized to little more than 65 per cent of capacity, it is claimed by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, who presented a concrete program for conversion of the industry to direct war work.

Cancellation of all unfilled orders for machine tools where such tools are not vitally needed is called for by the program, which was presented to Deputy Administrator C. E. Wilson of WPB. The program was delivered at a recent conference in Washington of union representatives from machine tool plants over the country.

Lack of planning has resulted in certain critical machine tool components running seriously behind schedule. Some producers have a great backlog of orders for a certain critical tool; others have small, or no, orders for the same tool, the union claims.

Re-allocation of all existing orders, development of a coordinated plan for conversion and a survey of manpower utilization and development of an intensive program for training and upgrading workers, were parts of the union's program.

Group Defends Right Of Women to Stay in Positions After War

Washington, D. C.

A warning against the wholesale ouster of women workers after the war is sounded by the Women's Advisory Committee of the War Manpower Commission.

Workers' Pay Proved Not a Major Cause Of Inflation

Newark, New Jersey. The theory that wages of small income workers cause inflation was blasted wide open by a suppressed report of the Office of Price Administration in which the American Labor League of New Jersey made public here.

The League said the report, which came into its possession and would be fully presented to its seventh annual convention, was prepared for OPA Administrators Prentiss M. Brown, but was never made public.

THE FAVORED 8 PER CENT

The report showed that the upper 8% of the population, receiving incomes of more than \$5,000 in 1942, had more money for savings, payments of debts and inflationary spending than all the rest of the nation's income groups combined. And despite talk of high wages in war industries, 24.6% of the people still earned less than \$1,000 during last year.

In another section of the report, the OPA estimate that the American people had \$21,000,000 more than they could spend for existing supplies of consumer goods was blown to bits by actual figures. The figures showed that, after deduction of taxes and payment of debts and War Bond savings, only \$1,240,000,000 was left, and this among those in the upper income brackets.

REAL EXCESS PROFITS TAX NEEDED

Demonstrating that labor's claim for 100% excess profits taxes and tightening of all upper bracket taxes was the answer needed to stop inflation, the report showed that the 1.9% of the people making \$10,000 or more—most of them in the millionaire class—averaged \$9,990 in savings, or inflationary spending, while the other groups had little or nothing left.

Other figures from the report showed:

Income Group		Average Savings (after payment of taxes)
\$5,000 to \$10,000	2,366	
3,000 to 5,000	943	
2,000 to 3,000	450	
1,500 to 2,000	212	
Under \$1,000	2	

DEEPER IN DEBT

Actually, of course, the report showed that while those with incomes of less than \$1,000 put \$2 in War Bond savings, they at the same time went further into debt, by a total of \$399,000,000 for the year.

Earning and saving figures in the report were:

	% Savings of & Payment of Debts
Earnings Pop. of Debts	
\$10,000 and over 1.9 \$7,882,000,000	
5,000 to \$10,000 6.1 5,983,000,000	
3,000 to 5,000 17.6 6,843,000,000	
2,000 to 3,000 19.3 2,429,000,000	
1,500 to 2,000 14.5 1,273,000,000	
1,000 to 1,500 16.0 429,000,000	
Under \$1,000 24.6 —399,000,000	

The League pointed out that if the Rumf spare-the-rich tax plan was passed by Congress, the figures would have to be completely revised, as the total inflationary spending power of upper income groups would in some cases increase eight times above the OPA figures, which were based on non-forgiveness of 1942 taxes.

How About Your Hunting Knives For Marines?

San Diego, California. Jungle fighters of the U. S. Marine Corps need knives and throughout America people are turning in hunting knives for duty with the Marines. But the demand for these knives outstrips the supply.

That gave District Lodge No. 50, International Association of Machinists (A. F. of L.), an idea and they're carrying it out. They are going to see that the Marines have the knives they need.

SAFETY FIRST



Released by WPA Labor Press Service.
A fool there was and he set his toe
(To tell this makes me blue).
When a rolling bomb was ravin' to go.
Over his powder shoe.
And now when this guy you chance to meet,
You'll find him limping along the street.
Say, feller, watch where you put your feet—
For this guy might be you!

FREEDOM DENIED CHINESE UNIONS; GOVERNMENT HAS ENTIRE CONTROL

By ISRAEL EPSTEIN

Chungking, China. Since 1940 the Ministry of Social Welfare, formed the previous year from the Social Affairs Department of the Kuomintang, China's ruling party, has had full control over the country's trade unions. All unions must register with the Ministry, and union officials are appointed by the government. The National Mobilization Law of 1942 prohibited strikes and picketing, made it compulsory for all workers to join unions, and stated: "The government may prevent and settle industrial conflicts by decree."

Last October the Ministry of Social Welfare called a conference which laid down both a general labor policy and set a "draft regulations concerning the enforcement of labor policy in wartime." Salient sections of the general labor policy, valid for both peace and wartime, state: "Both vertical (territorial) and horizontal (industrial) unions should be set up. The workers should have the right to meet and organize. Unions possess the right of collective bargaining and of striking—with the following exceptions: workers in military industry do not possess the right of organizing unions; special unions of workers in government-owned enterprises do not possess the rights of strike and collective bargaining; special unions of workers in privately-owned public utilities possess the right of collective bargaining but not the right to strike. Minimum wages will be fixed by competent authorities in accordance with the cost of living in different localities."

OFFICIALS CHOSEN

The wartime regulations state in part: "Competent authorities shall appoint qualified persons to be secretaries of the labor unions. All workers should join unions. Members of neither ordinary nor special unions are allowed to declare strikes. The government may inspect or investigate the payment of wages, and shall plan or enforce partial payment in kind so as to stabilize the workers' livelihood. Working hours may not be more than 12 hours a day. A rest of 24 hours should be given every two weeks. Concerning international labor cooperation, workers may, with the permission of the competent authorities, set up an organization in order to participate in the international labor movement."

The Chinese Association of Labor, at present the only officially recognized federation of workers' organizations in China, was established in 1938 under official auspices. "The government appoints officials to direct and supervise unions, whose duties in time of emergency include assistance to the government in stabilization and labor conscription, promotion of labor welfare and increased production," the CAL reported last week at the conclusion of its fourth convention here.

CARTEL SEEN AS MENACE TO FUTURE WORLD PEACE

D. C. "Unless we do something about cartels, we will win this war in vain. International cartels—that is, monopolies—will rule the world!" One of the sanest members of the U. S. Senate made that statement last week.

"Half a dozen Congressional committees have exposed these cartels," he continued. "Senator Homer Bone of Washington did an unusually effective job along that line. What happened? Undersecretary of War Patterson and others, who claimed to speak for the administration, persuaded majority of Bone's committee to abandon the inquiry, on the theory that an exposure of these international monopolists would interfere with the war effort."

"Among the interesting developments brought out by Bone's committee was evidence that the largest American maker of aviation engines had 'serviced' Hitler's airplanes right up to and even after the start of this global war. Furthermore, this concern turned over to Hitler every improvement in airplane engines and other parts that it uncovered on this side of the ocean."

"Senator Kilgore of West Virginia has endeavored to carry on the work started by Bone. Up to date, he has not been put out of business, but he certainly has not been helped by the gentlemen who stopped the Bone investigation. The unpleasant truth is that these international monopolists believe in the system of which they are a part. As soon as this war is over, they will re-establish relations with their old associates, and, as I have said, they will literally rule the world. All these monopolies are largely based on control of patents. That's why I say that the first thing to do is to deprive the monopolists of that control."

YOUR CONGRESSMAN REPORTS



By GEORGE E. OUTLAND

THE MARCH OF LABOR

THE ACCIDENT RATE AMONG LOG TRUCKERS HAS DROPPED—BECAUSE CONTRACTS WITH THE INT'L. WOOD-WORKERS OF AMERICA PROVIDE THAT NO MAN NEED WORK ON EQUIPMENT THAT THE UNION SAFETY COMMITTEE CONSIDERS DANGEROUS.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS IN 1932 WERE 59% OF 1929 FIGURES.

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WOMEN WILL MAKE UP 30% OF THE LABOR FORCE OF U.S. WAR INDUSTRIES BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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